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A one car local train of the Son Beach ine approaching Coney Island yesterday affarmount lost the trolley wire just affar it passed the enrys which approaches Deart Man's Bridge. This point is just north of Coney Island Creek and about half a mile from the play city. The conductor of the local, John P. Stromberger of 187 Frantman afrest, Brooklyn, was some time getting the pole back. Neither he nor James Wilkinson, the motorman, thought to go back with a flag to keep off the thirtymile an hour express trains

Around the curve came such a train, through from New York, driven by James Wilkinson of 102 Nicholas avenue, Cypress tills. He probably thought that the car around the curve was coming on the other track. At any rate, he did not shack untihe was nearly on it. Then he reversed, but the express smashed into the local, buckling the platforms of both cars and smashing the woodwork of the local for about ten feet. The conductor of the local quit monkeying with his trolley and jumped just in time. The strength of his cage saved Motorman Wilkinson. But the passengers of both wrecked cars were tumbled in every direction.

The passengers had no sooner piled out than they heard groans from the wreckage. They pulled away a few loose boards, saw a man dressed as a laborer, and pulled him out. His legs were horribly mangled and he was practically unconscious. Three or four women, more shocked than otherwise hurt, were stretched out on the grass beside him. At about that time the wreckage caught fire. A few buckets of water from the creek stopped that.

The regular forces of relief on their way to the wreck had many adventures. The news as it came to the Coney Island police station had it that six or seven people were killed. The patrol wagon was hurried out. As it struck Surf avenue, dodging the Saturday afternoon crowd, it got tangled up with a trolley car. The car got out of the way and the ambulance started up, to run plump into three confused women, huddled in the middle of the street. The driver pulled his team to their haunches, but they knocked over Mrs. Helen Carlson. Her right leg was broken.

The ambulance from the Emergency Hospital and the emergency wrecking wagon, both tearing to the scene, met at a street corner head on. The ambulance was the lighter. Over the bank it went with Driver Nobb and Dr. Rayner. ad ten feet down the bank, skinning himself pretty well all over. Dr. Rayner had several ribs broken. He patched up his driver and proceeded to the wreck in the launch Govan, the ambulance being knocked out.

Dr. John W. Pierce was far down the creek when he heard the news. He jumped into a launch and arrived with Dr. Rayner. They found the unknown laborer in a bad way. Dr. Rayner decided to operate at man was too far gone, however, and died soon. Nothing on him pointed to his identity except a meal ticket made out to George Forman. He had no money in his pocket He was standing on the back platform of the local when the train struck.

Dr. Pierce found a young man cut about the head, sitting with his arms about a very pale and sick young woman. "You need attention," said the doctor.

"Take care of her first," sad the man. She's engaged to marry me She is Miss Erne Liddell of Newark and

he is W: O. McDowell of 51 Liberty street, New York. He lives in Newark. She appeared to be much shaken up and to be injured internally. He was bruised all over and his skull was slightly fractured The regular hush-em-up emergency outfi of the B. R. T. was on hand early, and smuggled away a good many of the slightly hurt. The rest were piled back into the express, whose trolley was still working and the train, pushing the local car, which had been jacked back on the track, moved on to Coney Island after twenty minutes. The invalids were transferred to the Coney Island hospital.

About twenty people got bruises and cuts. The most seriously hurt are as follows:

Albert Jensen, 25 Forsythe street, Manhattan; arm broken. James A. Brown, Jersey City Heights broken ribs.

Nathan Praschutz, 224 McKibben street, Brooklyn, scalp cut.

Maurice Marjohn, same address, badly

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Scully, 470 Dean street, Brooklyn, both cut about the face and head and hurt internally.

A SECOND REAR END COLLISION

About three hours later a Culver line train running on Gravesend avenue sma into a Reid avenue open car near the Neck road in Gravesend. The Reid avenue car had slipped its trolley and just ahead of it was an open car of the Nostrand avenue line in the same fix. The motorman of the Culver line train, John McManus, either miscalculated his distance or was unable to stop after he had caught sight of the disabled car, and the train butted the Reid

avenue car with considerable force. The blow sent the Reid avenue car ahead and it in turn crashed into the Nostrand avenue car. The collision was sufficient to crumple up the platforms of both cars No one was hurt on the train and most of those injured were on the Reid avenue car, which was sandwiched in between the train and the Nostrand avenue oar

Seven persons were injured on the tw trolley cars, but only one was sent to the hospital. James Watson, 20 years old, of 500 Sterling place, Brooklyn, received a serious injury to his right hip. He was taken to the Reception Hospital, in Coney

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falanel, by the flavour, who was still on duty in spite of the broken ribs he had received when on his way to the wears surlies in the

frants tribully of six Union street and his wife, Annie, andered from bruisse and shools dames P Mayne, his sister, and John Hugie and his effe, Emma, all of and shoot on the Nostrand avenue my dennier Cowin, at yours old, of 66 Porcett Avenue, Brooklyn, got a severe souly wound and a prosettite fracture of the shuff. It apite of the serious nature of her injuries also referred to go to the hospital. Cody, 25 years old, of 118 Court street, Brook lyn, and Mrs. George W. Dalton of 227 Fast Simutoanth street, Flathush, suffered from shock and brutana. The injured were taken to a drug store, where the Havner attender

The line was tied up as a result of the wreck for over half an hour. No arrests OPERATOR TRUE CENT.

CHARLES REDFERS DROWNED. Carboat to Which He and Two Friends Were Satting Capatrest.

Charles Redfern, a New York insurance broker, was drowned by the upsetting of a cathout in which he and two companions had been on a trip up the sound off Point View, near College Point, last evening. The two other occupants of the boat were rescued and taken to the Flushing Hospital. Bedfern's body has not been recovered.

Mr. Redfern was 33 years old and unmarried. He lived at 408 East 123d street, Manhattan. His companions on the trip were Carl Bachman, 22 years old, an engineer, of 426 East Fifty-sixth street, and William Kirke, 42 years old, an insurance broker of 1253 First avenue, Manhattan.

They started in a catboat at College Poin early yesterday afternoon for a sail up the Sound and were on their way back when the accident happened. A squall struck their little craft and the three men were

thrown into the water. Redfern was carried away, but his comanions managed to get hold of the over turned boat and held on, while they shouted for help. The capsizing of the boat had been witnessed by Percy Jackson of North Beach, who was out in the launch Quo Vadis. He at once turned his boat in the direction of the upset cathoat.

When he reached the overturned craft he found Kirke clinging to the end of the mast, which was nearly horizontal. He managed to get Kirke into the launch and then he started after Bachman, who was some distance away, swimming toward the shore. Bachman also had had hold of the mast, but had let go. When the launch reached him he was hauled aboard by Jackson, who then cruised around for a short time in search of Redfern, but failed to find him. Redfern was unable to swim and probably he sank immediately after the boat went over.

After giving up the search for Redfern Jackson speeded his boat for Flushing and on arriving there sent in an ambulance call to the Fulshing Hospital, as the rescued men were in an exhausted condition.

An ambulance was despatched to the dock and Bachman and Kirke were place in it and conveyed to the hospital. It was said there last night that the men were rapidly recovering and would be able to be out to-day.

SNEEZED HIMSELF INTO COURT. Prussian Police Charge Johann Furtmann With Disturbing the Peace.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. BERLIN, May 19.-Great public interest is

manifested in the case of a man who has in public. The street sneezer is named Johann Furtmann and he is a resident of Muhlhausen, a small town in Prussian Saxony. Furtmann, who is a respected citizen sneezed loudly in the main street. A policeman arrested him on the charge of creating

a disturbance and made a passing tramcar stop while he took the names and addresse of the passengers who had heard the sneeze Furtmann was then prosecuted on the charge of gross misdemeanor in creating a disturbance. The trial was a long one, many witnesses were heard and there were eloquent speeches by the public prosecutor and the counsel for the defence. Furtmann was acquitted, but the police authorities appealed the case, and a new trial in the higher court at Erfurt will now be necessary

Furtmann has announced that he will produce medical evidence to prove that a polypus in his nose prevented him from sneezing less loudly.

BEER HURTS GERMAN ATHLETES. Writers Agree on Cause of Their Failure in the Olympic Games.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN BERLIN, May 19.- German writers in com menting on the failure of German athletes to carry off signal honors in the Olympian games at Athens assert emphatically that the chief cause of the low standard of their physical achievements is the beer drinking habit, which is greatly sapping the national

Several writers agree that this habit pre vents the Germans from acquiring that tautness of muscle which distinguishes the American and English athletes and not only causes superfluous fat but seriously affects the heart, which is the sport organ par

excellence. WARNING TO CHINA.

Whole Diplomatic Body Will Oppose Change in Customs Administration.

Special Cable Despatch to THE St PEKIN, May 19.—At a meeting of the diplomatic body held to-day representatives of all foreign governments announced that they would support Great Britain's protest against a change in the customs adminis-tration. The British Chargé d'Affaires has addressed a second note on the subject to the Chinese Government, the reply to the

first note being unsatisfactory. The Chinese Government recently made some appointments of Chinese officials to prominent positions in the Chinese customs service, which for years had been under control of Sir Robert Hart.

Next Peace Conference in May, 1901.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. THE HAGUE, May 19 .- It is now practically certain that the second peace con-ference will be held here at the end of May,

Laurel House, Lakewood, N. J. Open until June,—Adv.

MONOTYPES FOR INDIA. Lanston Monotype Machine Co. has re-order from the Government of India for tional Casting Machines and 29 additional

FOREST FIRE PERIL CHECKED

PIVE COLVETES OF 100 SOLVER MILES IN ALL LASTS WASTE.

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Escapasa, Mich., May 19 Four known lead, a soure or more persons missing, undereds of families homoleas, several utilions of dollars of property four towns wiped out entirely and a doze more partially, five counties devastated and in square miles of territory laid waste s the record of the forest fire that swept northern Michigan peninsula resterday and to-day.

Clessoral Superintendent W. E. Wells of the Escanaba and Lake Superior road, along which right of way the greatest loss occurred, returned to-night from a trip of inspection over the fire stricken area and says that the flames have gone fown and for the time being the danger is

unless a new gate arises. The following summary briefly tells the

The dead Peter Lafond, a cook, smothered in lumber camp near Katos, body found to-atght; three unknown children dead at Quinactor, Mich., separated from that Mich., separated from their parents while the village was burning and

Scores of homesteaders and woodsmen missing. Many have probably perished in Territory devastated Marquette, Me-

ominee, Delta, Alger and Dickinson counties, Towns totally burned Talbot, Mich. 200 population, only few houses left standing Quinnesec, Mich., 400, only one house re-mains; Saunders, Mich., 150, all wiped out Niagara, Wis., 300, all wiped out.

Towns partially destroyed. Northland. Cornell, Antoine, Spring Valley, Kingsley, Woodlawn, Foster City, Salva and Metro-

Details of the fire are gradually coming rom the burned territory. All day long efugees and trainmen have been coming in telling tales of misery and suffering

as well as bravery. The burned district extends from a point ten miles out of Escanaba to Talbot on the south, to Channing and Quinnesec on the west, to Sands on the north and back to Escanaba. While this territory has not been swept over entirely, the major portion of it north of the Northwestern line has been devastated. South of the line it burned in spots. The flames were flercest along the Escanaba and Lake Superior line. It is in this district that a thousand or nore of the small fires have been smouldering for weeks. Nothing was thought of these fires because they were not dangerous, but it only needed a wind to fan them into mighty sheet of flames. This wind came on Friday afternoon. Toward noon the wind began to blow from the west at the

rate of thirty miles an hour. By 3 o'clock the velocity was forty miles, and by 4 o'clock the small fires seemed to have united into one large one that extended over a fifty mile stretch and swept along with a fury that no human h

The flames seemed to centre from a place called Northland, and from there swept

down toward Escanaba. Throughout the territory hundreds of woodmen were put to work to stay the fire but it could not be fought. It marched on, and it was only by diverting its path that some of the towns were saved First to be driven out were the woods-

men in camp and the homesteaders. Hunreds of small and prosperous farms aboun in the territory, and the occupants of these hurried to the nearest towns for shelter. In some instances whole families came in. Many, however, reported that some of the members had been separated and left behind, and it is the fate of these that concerns most everybody.

MENOMINEE, Mich., May 19 .- A newspaper man who happened to be in the burned district came out this afternoon and describes the situation as appalling.

"We were near a lumber camp," he says. There were nearly 200 persons there. The first we knew of the danger was black clouds of rolling smoke that suddenly came down on us. We were miles from a lake or stream but there were men there who had been through similar fires, and under their guidance every man was set to work digging trenches in the soft soil.

"Valuables were buried, and when the danger appeared greatest the women and children were covered with earth. Then the tents and canvas sheets about the place were saturated with water and spread ver them. The sixty-five horses were turned loose. Some of them broke away, but the greater number remained about the old stables and this required great work on the part of the men to keep them from trampling on the women and children.

"The flames came. It seemed but a few ninutes when the great forest beyond was a mass of fire, while behind us was nothing but blackness and smoke. The sod covered cabins escaped, and all were soon

safely accounted for. "The property loss in this vicinity will be upward of \$1,000,000. Not a bridge, ailroad or wagon survived the fire. Three children were burned to death at Quinnesec, and rescuers report finding the bodies of nine others near here. A Northwesters relief train plunged through a burned bridge near Narata and not a word has been heard from the crew since. They were probably killed or burned to death in the gulch."

MARQUETTE, Mich., May 19.-Later reorts are that at least twenty-five farms have been wiped out in the immediate vicinity of Marquette, a total loss of upward of \$100,000. There has been some oss of human life. The condition of the meless is pitiable in the extreme. Much live stock has perished. A million dollars s considered a small estimate of the loss throughout this part of the peninsula to date, but this figure promises to be greatly

In addition to towns already reported iestroyed or menaced, advices received here indicate that Ewen, Thomaston, Trout Creek, Munising Junction and Peitoga, Mich., and Niagara, Florence and Commonwealth, Wis., are in much peril.

IRON MOUNTAIN, Mich., May 19 .- Flames from stumps in a back yard, fanned by high wind, burned to the ground the entire portion of the business district of Quinnesec. Mich., last night, leaving hundreds homeless and without food or clothing. Thousands of dollars worth of property was iestroyed. Thirty frame structures were

The Samoset, Rockland Breakwater, Maine. Announcement under "Poland Spring House," next column.—Adv.

BIRRED HIS LIFE IN VAIN.

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of tieney of Extraorded Pollerunto. The pier at the foot of East Fifty ninth arrant, which is loaded with steel and stone for the new Mackwell's Island Heldge, is a favorite playground for the small boys of the neighborhood. Yesterday afternoon Fred Straub, an eight-year-old boy, who lived with his parents at me fast Piffy. ninth street, was there with a crowd of youngaters. The lay climbed to the top of a pile of steet and inferent hirosif on a girder. He lost his balance and timbled nto the river, screaming as he dropped.

Rudolph Berkle, a private watchman, heard the scream and rapped for help. Patrolman Barney Ditsch ran up, heard that a child had fallen off the pier, threw away his helmet, belt and nightstick and olunged in, cost, shoes and all. The box bobbed to the surface twice before Ditach got to him. Then the policeman caught him by the coat collar and started back to the pler, pretty well fagged by the struggle at the tide. The tugbout Pennsylvania passed and sent

under again. Ditsch swam around waiting for the body to appear, but it didn't come. Then he managed to make his way back to the pier and was helped out in the nick of time. He kept hold of the boy's cap. Later, at the station house, the boy's mother identified the cap as that of her son. Ditsch was so exhausted that he had to be helped to the East Sixty-seventh street house. When he recovered and

heavy swells shoreward. The waves jerked

the boy from Ditsch's grip and Fred went

DEMANDS \$5,000 FROM FRANCIS. Police Seek Man Who Sent Threatening

his post.

Letter to Missourl's Ex-Governor. Sr. Louis, May 19.-David R. Francis, former Governor and president of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company, refused to meet an unknown letter writer who invited him to take \$5,000 to a lonely spot in St. Louis county last Thursday night or suffer the consequences. Instead Mr. Francis turned the letter over to Chief of Detectives Desmond, who sent Detecives Schenck and Cabanne to the place. After waiting for several hours the detectives returned, convinced that the letter writer was a crank without sufficient courage to back up his threats.

The letter named the rendezvous as 6500 Etzel avenue, and cautioned Mr. Francis to come alone and bring the \$5,000 in ourrency. It instructed him to make three signals, which were to be answered by the

It is said that Mr. Francis, who was about to leave to attend the Missouri Bankers' Convention at Excelsior Springs when the letter was received, was more amused than terrified by the threat.

Who Objected When He Caught a Student Kissing a Waitress.

ANDOVER, Mass., May 19.- Landlord Stewart of the Phillips Inn was seized last evening by a crowd of fifty masked students and was ducked in a horse pond. Before proceeding to the inn the students correlled a wandering German band and

pressed it into service. The ducking of Stewart is the culmina tion of bad blood between him and a number of students at the academy. It is said that he has forbidden several students the privileges of the inn because of the attentions paid by these young men to the pretty waitresses. Mr. Stewart is said to have recently caught a Montreal youth kissing one of the girls and he forbade

the student ever to enter the inn again. The Phillips Inn is an academic institution and is maintained largely for the accommodation of parents who wish to visit the pupils. The landlord is held responsible by the school authorities for everything that goes on there.

BANK FOR LABOR MEN OPENED. The Commercial Trust and Savings of Chi

cago Begins to Do Business. CHICAGO, May 19 .- The Commonwealth Trust and Savings Bank, long planned by abor union men as their own bank, was opened for business to-day. It was opened inder circumstances making it practically private bank, although it is a corporation inder the territorial banking laws of Ari-

zona. George Dreblow, president of the bank was unable to tell how much paid up capital the bank has with which to start business but he was certain it must be as much as \$25.000 The institution has not had its affairs examined by any authorized public official. Under the laws of Arizona it is not necessary for a bank to have any certain amount of paid up stock before opening its doors, although in Illinois the amount required is \$200,000. The capital stock of the bank is fixed at \$500,000, divided into shares of \$5 each. The first depositor in the new nstitution was a member of Chicago Typographical Union No. 16.

NEW FUNERAL STRIKE.

Downtown Coach Drivers Hope to Get as Much as Their Fellows

The funeral drivers who form Local 164 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters intend to strike to-day. Their territory covers all of Manhattan below Fourteenth street. As many as fifty funerals and an equal number of weddings will be nterfered with if men cannot be found to ake the strikers' places

The uptown local, 643, which struck last week, obtained an increase in wages to \$14 and the members of local 164 want to get the same wages and also a reduction in time to twelve hours on and twelve hours off. They organized four months ago and number about 500. The men have been getting \$8 to \$10 a week and working fourteen

When the union was formed the employers on their side organized as the New York Funeral Coach Owners' Association. According to William Smith, the business agent of the union, the downtown members of the association agreed to pay \$13 for fourteen hours a day. This was refused and the men will strike for the full demand of \$14 wages and twelve hours work.

Poland Spring House. Open May 30th. Special representatives will remain in New York for another week to make engagements both for the above and the Mansion House (always open) at Paland Spring, also the Samoset (open June 28th, Rockland Breakwater, Maine's greatest shore resort. Communicate with Poland Water Depot, 19 Park Place (Tel. 6050 Cortlandit, or Hiram Ricker & Sons, 1128 Broadway, N. E. Cor. Bway and 28th St., 26 Floor (Tel. 6765 Madison Sq.).—Adv.

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manual manual important to The Street PRESSURE RO. May 10 - Report's critonly has come at last, and the issue hetween autorracy and constitutional govramont must now be sattled for all time The nation's demand for freedom has been made peacefully and without threats, yet svery one knows except, possibly, the Conr most, that the penalty of refinel will he the bloodest envolution the world has

One would think that resistance under such circumstaces would not be dreamed Nevertheless it is seriously contemplated. The reactionaries who surround the Emperor still believe or profess to believe that force will still avail to hold the tussian people in subjection. They bitterly regret the Emperor's "weakness" in a noment of panic last October when he created an engine which now threatens the destruction of the bureaucracy. Some there are among them who realize that their power is doomed, but the majority of the reactionaries continue to urge the sovereign not to surrender the traditional unlimited authority of his throne without a struggle.

The extreme nature of the Duma's de nands serves to strengthen their arguments and influence, but they have lost one great advantage. They no longer could borrow a uniform he went back to have a monopoly of personal access to the Emperor. The people's representative is at last face to face with the sovereign and is able to put before him all their grievances, all their hopes, all their demands Moreover, Prof. Muromtseff, the head of the Duma and the delegation to call on the Czar to-morrow, is a man of sufficient courage to point out to the timid rules the terrible consequences of turning deaf ear to the voice of his people. This advantage alone in dealing with the weak vacillating nature of the Russian Emperor may be sufficient to decide the momentous issue, but upon the situation as it stands no decisive reply can be expected from the

The Duma is in no temper to endur shillyshallying, but full concession of any of the three main points of the popular demands can hardly be hoped for at pres The first and most insistent claim, that for general amnesty, will probably be granted in part Nobody pretends to know what will be said in reply to the demands for the abolition of the right to punish by administrative order Such a reform would deprive the bureaucrats of their chief weapon of repression and they will do their utmost to retain it

The most extreme demand of the Duma is that for land distribution, and upon this the peasantry, who are the real Fussia ANDOVER BOYS DUCK LANDLORD are most insistent. They go further in this than even the French revolutionist. They declare full adherence to the great principle acknowledged by all Asiatic communities, that "whose is the sweat his is the soil." They will probably submit to some compromise in the form of quit rent but what they ask is expropriation of al State domains, which are very large; all church domains, which are larger still, and much land owned by the great proprietors; in fact, all the culturable and forest land of Russia.

It is significant that even the landed proprietors in the Duma itself thought it unwise to vote against this sweeping demand of the masses. They knew that in would suffer far more than they would under the operation of any law, however drastic and revolutionary. The Court knows also that if it grants this prayer and thus pacifies the peasants the revolution which might destroy the dynasty will be-

come impossible. A bold statesman in the Czar's situation might possibly try the expedient of granting partial amnesty and general expropriation of the lands and then dissolve the Duma in the hope that the country would be satisfied with these concessions and would permit other institutions, including the autocracy, to go on in the same old way No clear, decisive policy can be expected from Emperor Nicholas. He will probably throw a few sops to his discontented subjects and find in the end that he will be compelled to yield much more than would have sufficed if graciously conceded at the

The only choice for such a man after all s to rule as a constitutional monarch, obeying in the end all the dictates of the Duma or to make a further attempt to reign as a despot with incompetent ministers as his agents and the army as his sole bulwark. The latter alternative, whether he knows it or not, means a speedy revolution and his inevitable destruction.

The Duma itself, as the first assembly of the Russian people, makes a fascinating study. It is a primitive, heterogenous but brainy, virile company. There are some 170 peasants, sunburnt, heavy browed countrymen in top boots and blouses, who are intolerant of all forms of order which interfere with getting quickly at the great ssues they have at heart. The members speak of each other by their surnames. They address the assembly as "Gentlemen" and sometimes as "Comrades." The president interrupts the speakers and gives little lectures upon the procedure in other parliaments. The members this week spoke twice or more on the same question and frequently insisted upon giving explanations of previous speeches

There is a strong tendency to use burning language, yet all the proceedings are conducted with perfect order and dignity. The Russian Duma, in fact, is destined to become one of the greatest representative institutions of the modern world. The power which created it cannot destroy it. With or without the Czar it will shape and direct the destinies of this vast empire from | began to swell the Perkins column. The this time forth.

NO BIRTHDAY AMNESTY DECREE. Czar Did Not Take the Action That Had Been Predicted.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN ST. PETERSBURG, May 19.-This was the Czar's birthday and the usual batch of promotions and decorations was announced, but contrary to expectation there was no decree of amnesty to mark the

President Muromtzeff of the Duma was present at the luncheon at the Alexander Palace at Peterhof in honor of the day, but he will not present the Duma's addres officially until to-morrow.

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Report That Cope Will Not Recognize the Japanese Fratestorate.

operat classe trespetch to Ties New Tours, May 19 - It is expected that For sign Minister Rate will executed Baron Hayashi as Japaness Minister to Great Helfain.

There is keep interest in well informed dreins over a report that Japan is confronted with a delicate diplomatic problem It is asserted that Russia is determined to gnore the Japanese-Corean treaty and the Japanese protectorate over Corea. Hussia contands that the Treaty of Portsmouth recognizes the independence of Cores. It is rumored that the British and German Governments are supporting Japan. America and France are alient on the question.

MONEY TO SAVE THE PALISABES. Summer That Rich Men Living Along the

Studeon May Parnish St. MOUNT VERNON, N. V., May 10 .- It is rumored that rich people along the Hudson headed by John D. Rockefeller, will raise he money to acquire the lands and quarries ecessary for the protection of the Palisades just as soon as Gov. Riggins signs the bill of Senator Carpenter, which was passed as the last session of the Legislature. This bill extends the protection of the Palisades as far north as Stony Point and contains further provision for preserving Hook Mountain. It is said that the property to be acquired will cost about \$1,000,000. The entire sum needed is said to be positively assured. Mr. Rockefeller, it is reported, will give a considerable part of the entire sum. The blasting shakes his house at Pocantico Hills, and he is alive to the mat-

ACQUIT JERSEY POSTMASTERS. Mayor Fagan's Charges of Pernicions Political Activity Not Sustained.

WASHINGTON, May 19 .- Postmaster-General Cortelyou to-day dismissed the charges of pernicious political activity against the postmasters at Hoboken, West Hoboken, Bayonne, Arlington and Weehawken, in connection with the city elections last year. Soon after his election Mayor Fagan wrote to President Roosevelt and Postmaster-General Cortelyou charging the postmasters with undue political activity, and submitted the names of a number of persons who he said had knowledge of the

An exhaustive inquiry was made by order of the Postmaster-General, with the result that the charges were found to be wholly unsustained in every case. The witnesses cited by Mayor Fagan were questioned by postal inspectors, but in nearly every instance denied knowing anything tending to prove pernicious political activity against the five Jersey postmasters. Some of the witnesses testified that they knew the postmasters had not erred.

VACHT PASTIME MISSING. she Was Last Seen Off Chatham, Mass. May 11, in Distress.

BOSTON. May 19.-Much anxiety is felt here for the safety of the schooner yacht Pastime and Capt. H. F. Colby and James Morse, who were aboard her. The schooner was last seen off Chatham on May 11 in distress. While off the Chatham bars the yacht sprung a leak and the life savers went to her assistance. The life savers helped bail the vacht out and Capt. Colby refused to accept further assistance. He thought he could make either Vineyard Haven or Hyannis, where he could report to the owners of the yacht in New York. The yacht never made port and no trace of her can be found.

FREAK OF THE LIGHTNING. Burns Powder Out of 500 Cartridges Without Exploding Any of Them.

MATADOR, Tex., May 19 .-- Lightning struck the store of Moore & Evans at this place to-day and burned all the powder out of 500 pistol cartridges without exploding any of them.

Several men in the store were knocked down and seriously hurt. MARRIED IN A HOSPITAL,

Girl Accidentally Shot by Her Flance Would Not Postpone the Ceremony PHILADELPHIA, May 19.—Bessie Regan of 3705 Baring street was married this afternoon in the Presbyterian Hospital by Magistrate Boyle to David Coldren. The two had planned to be married this afternoon, and this morning were at their future home,

418'Budd street, getting it ready for occu-

pancy. Coldren had a revolver and was

showing Miss Regan how to use it when it

was accidentally discharged and the bullet entered the girl's back. She was removed to the Presbyterian Hospital and Coldren was arrested. He begged so hard to be allowed to see his fiancée that he was taken to the hospital under guard. Miss Regan expressed the desire to have the ceremony hastened rather than postponed, and Magistrate Boyle performed the ceremony. The bride's

condition is critical. PERKINS GAINS ON CUMMINS. Fight for the Gubernaterial Nomination

in Iowa Becomes Closer DES MOINES, Ia., May 19.—This has been a crucial day in the fight between Gov. Albert B. Cummins and George D. Perkins for the Republican nomination for Governor Out of eleven counties holding caucuses or conventions Perkins to-day captured 166 delegates and Cummins 31. This makes the standing of the two candidates to date: Cummins, 534, and Perkins, 505.

In the State convention there will be 1,640 delegates, requiring 821 to nominate. Cummins maintained a big lead until last week, when the south half of the State outcome of the Governorship fight may have an important bearing on the election of a successor to Senator J. P. Dolliver by he General Assembly next winter. Should Perkins win his supporters may decide to present a candidate opposing Dolliver. If Cummins wins he will be a candidate himself against Dolliver.

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The New York World of Sunday, May 18, had the picture of a score of centenarians. In its history one Aunt Ann Betts is the first. It states the secret of her long life is the use of Burgundy Wine 4 times a day, but it does not say it was Speer's Wine of Passaic, N. J. as has told the World reporter. Write for free samples and price list. Adv.

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PRILADELPHIA: May 10 Pennsylvania failroad officiate fook counsel forday on olana to meet further inquiry by the Inti state Commerce Commission into the graft practiced by officials of the corporation. Conferences were held with Solicitor Frande Cowen and other legal prope of Pennsylvania. They were long and nu-merous. Cablegrams were sent to and received from A. J. Cassatt, president of he company, who is now in London. were long and numerous, ton.

At the one conference First Vice-Prestdent Green, Second Vice-President Puglis whose department is the operating one; in which is the main taint of graft; Fourth Vice-President Thayer, who has so far been chief apologist for the road, and Third Vice-President Reu, whose name figured in vesterday's testimony, were all in earnest converse with the men of law.

Before this big counsel of chiefs at inter-

vals filtered many of those lesser officials who had appeared before the commis and had confessed to receiving stock and gifts. William A. Patton, chief assistant to President Cassatt in Philadelphia, who has long been mentioned secretly as one of the holders of stock in favored coal companies, was an anxious participant. One order went out during the day as

fruit of the big pow-wow. This was to all officials who haven't been subposnaed by the commission and commands them to furnish the legal department of the Pennsylvania at once a full list of their mine ownings, how they were acquired and nuch other data.

It is admitted by the Pennsylvania people that the last onslaught of the com took them completely by surprise and they do not propose to be again so taken if it is possible to avoid it. Their action, however, is regarded as locking the stable door after the horses are stolen.

"How much does Glasgow know?" is the question all are asking. There is no doubt that the coal operators filled the commission's lawyer up to the brim with ammunition. It was through their promptings that Glasgow was enabled to drag from reluctant witnesses the story of "gifts" from the concerns dependent upon them for cars. When the commission comes to town on

Wednesday its fire will be directed entirely upon Chief Assistant Patton and Pittsburg Assistant Robert Pitcairn. It is hinted that they are masks for others still higher up. At Friday's session there were many significant hints at big stock holdings under fictitious names in favored companies. notably the Keystone Coal and Coke Company and the Berwind-White Company. Just how Patton and Pitcairn acquired

their holdings and whether they hold the

blocks for themselves or for others still higher up" will be two lines of inquiry. A strenuous effort will be made by the railroad counsel to block all efforts of Glasgow to break through Pitcairn and Patton o reach the others. The question of just

now much Glasgow knows is the puzzler. Scores of civil prosecutions by coal operstore are threatened against the railroad as a result of the revelations of favoritism and rebates. There is a feeling among them

that the bars are down. It was said that Vice-President Green's statement yesterday, voicing the paine surprise of the railroad upon the graft disclosures, is the first step of a grandstand play in which, after an investigation by a committee of the company, some of the offending employees of the corporation will be discharged. This was taken up at the conference to-day, but is said to have been dismissed for two considerations: first, that if the investigation is carried on to its logical concluson, that is the dismissal of all whose hands are stained with graft, it might seriously interfere with the operation of certain divisions of the road; and second, that dismissals would probably lead to too many disclosures on the part of the scapegoats. This plan, at

least for the present, has been laid upon the The tenor of all Cassatt's messages, it

was said, was "stand pat." There was the usual crop of sensational rumors to-day. Among them was one that President Cassatt had cabled that he would be back home to take charge of things on the next boat. This had a lot of believers. Another was that Vice-President Thayer had insisted upon Assistant Patten's resignation. This found few believers indeed. One fact was, however, very patent-the Pennsylvania is further up in the air and more anxious than ever before in its history.

CASSATT NOT TO RESIGN. Emphatically Denies That Report, but

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN LONDON, May 19 .- A. J. Cassatt, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, is spending a short holiday in London. When seen to-day and asked about the disclosures made this week before the Interstate Commerce Commission he said he must decline to discuss that matter for the present. Mr. Cassatt authorized an emphatic denial of the report that he might resign.

NO REPORT THIS SESSION

On the Inquiry Into Coal, Oil and Railroad Affairs.

WASHINGTON, May 19.-The statement was made at the offices of the Interstate Commerce Commission to-day that that body does not expect to make a report to Congress at this session on the relations of the railroads with the coal and oil industries. Senator Tillman of South Carolina, joint author of the Tillman-Gillespie resolution under which the commission is now proceeding, was anxious to have a report submitted before adjournment, but the pending investigation will probably be more prolonged than was at first supposed.

The members of the commission who sat in the hearing at Philadelphia returned to Washington very much satisfied with the disclosure that officers of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company control large blocks of stock in coal companies. The commiss is in a position to submit a report as to the

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